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From: McNamara, Ann (DPH)
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 10:46 AM
To: Han, Linda (DPH); Smole, Sandra (DPH)
Subject: FW: questions

FYI – From CDC on ELC.....maintain current positions...

From: Browning, Sandra (CDC/CCID/NCPDCID) [mailto:swb0@cdc.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 10:16 AM
To: Kludt, Patricia (DPH)
Cc: Battle, Janice S. (CDC/CCID/NCPDCID); McNamara, Ann (DPH); Shultz, Alvin (CDC/CCID/NCPDCID)
Subject: RE: questions

Hi Pat,

Alvin and I also want to add that while we anticipate approximately level funding, it is our intention to maintain all previously funded ELC positions. If you feel there is a better fit for your general epi and lab positions in one of the disease specific areas, you can move the position to the appropriate fit. However please let us know that it is a previously funded position.

Hope you have an enjoyable weekend – Sandy

From: Shultz, Alvin (CDC/CCID/NCPDCID)
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2009 8:37 AM
To: 'Kludt, Patricia (DPH)'
Cc: Browning, Sandra (CDC/CCID/NCPDCID); Battle, Janice S. (CDC/CCID/NCPDCID); McNamara, Ann (DPH)
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Good Morning Patricia,

- 1) The page limit for this year is the same that we've used in the past and the 125 pages is just a target. My suggestion would be to put together the application that is best for you and don't let the page target play a primary role in that calculus.
- 2) We are anticipating funding that is approximately level to FY 2009.

Let us know if and when you have other questions.

Thank you,

-Alvin

From: Kludt, Patricia (DPH) [mailto:Patricia.Kludt@state.ma.us]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 6:09 PM
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Thank you, I think.

- 1) I can't imagine how we are going to fit this application into a 125 document with a 1.5 line space requirement but we will give it a go.
- 2) You may not be able to comment on this but I am concerned with the split off of the general epi and lab component as we have 3 FTE's funded there. Since this is not a competitive year can you tell us anything about the general availability of funds for this section? For example, is it likely that we would be level funded from last year?

Thank you

Pat

From: Shultz, Alvin (CDC/CCID/NCPDCID) [mailto:fcu9@cdc.gov]
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Patricia,

Sandy forwarded me this message as we're working in tandem to tackle those 'bursting seams.' Please see responses to your questions below.

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A: The ELC progress reports are intended to be part of the application and included in one document to be submitted via grants.gov.

Q: Section 1: it looks like this section is covering the old Attachment 7 "general epidemiology and laboratory capacity" and the old Attachment 5 "NEDSS" which all recipients must respond to. From the instructions it looks like this section would contain the (A) background for both of these, (B) Progress from last year for both of these on all our last year's activities, (C) Operational Plans for both of these, (D) monitoring and evaluation for both of these, and the (E) budget narrative for both of these. So would this document be a separate submission from Section 2? Or would we submit Section 1 AND Section 2 as one document.

A: Please submit your responses to Section 1 and Section 2 as separate sections of the same document.

Q: A page limit is noted but not necessarily to what it applies to. If both sections 1 & 2 are supposed to be submitted as one document, does the 125 page limit apply to both sections? If Sections 1 & 2 are separate documents, though, would each have a 125 page limit?

A: You may think of the 125 page limit as a target not to exceed and if you are over by a little it is no big deal. Nonetheless, the target does apply to the cumulative total for Sections 1 and 2 (which, again, are intended to comprise a single document).

Q: I don't understand the integration of ARRA funding in this application at all. We applied for ARRA funding for both HAI activities and vaccine effectiveness studies but have not heard if we got any of it. Do we apply redundantly for non-ARRA money in 2F and 2H?

A: It is not the intention of this announcement to have applicants submit blanket reapplications for the HAI and Vaccine Effectiveness Recovery Act projects that they previously applied for. However, since Notice of Awards for these two Recovery Act opportunities are scheduled for August 30th, you will have a small window to propose activities to further sustain or complement any Recovery Act projects for which you did receive awards. Furthermore, if you did not receive funding for some of the activities you could propose them again. While there are currently no known funds available to cover such projects, and the availability of additional funds throughout the year is uncertain, if funds did become available we could revisit your application for a reinstatement.

Finally, these two sections (HAI and Vaccine Effectiveness) also contain two non-recovery act projects you may be interested in applying for: 1) meningococcal disease and invasive Haemophilus influenza type B surveillance and 2) The

Campaign to Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance in Healthcare Settings (also included in the FY 2008 Guidance under the Antimicrobial Resistance section). These two projects appear in these sections because they are natural complements to the purpose and intent of the Recovery Act projects.

Q: For section 2 – in would you prefer that the budget narratives be split up and appended to the end of their respective sections?

A: Yes. We would further prefer if the narratives could be split up by program attachment.

Please let us know should you have further questions of if any of this remains unclear.

All the best,

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Subject: questions

Sandy –

I am sure your mailbox is going to be bursting at the seams with questions regarding the ELC draft guidance and I apologize for adding to that but I need guidance regarding the guidance.

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Sorry about the questions and apologize in advance since I am sure I will have more.

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